

Ark Putney Academy
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Preparing every student to be a pillar of any community

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to confirm arrangements for the return to the academy from **March 8th** onwards in accordance with government guidelines.

As stated in my last letter this will be a **phased return** so that we can complete the lateral flow tests as directed by the government. Each student will take 3 lateral flow tests (with parental consent or student's own consent if over 16). After this point students will then be issued with home kits to test twice a week. **Home testing will start on the week beginning 22nd March** and I will write to you separately with further details and instructions regarding this.

The process of the lateral flow tests/phased return is as follows:

Students will be asked to attend school on a designated day /timeslot in **full school uniform** and take their first test. **This applies only to the students whose parents have given consent.** Please consult the grid below to see what day/slot has been allocated to your child.

On this day there will be no online live lessons for students in this year group but live lessons will continue for all other year groups.

Students will walk through the Hayward Gardens gate and make their way to the school hall which is our designated testing zone.

Students will register and be assisted in taking the test. They will then remain in the hall for 30 minutes until we have the test result so will need to have a book to read as they will not be allowed to have their phones out.

If the test is clear then they will be sent home via the Pullman Gardens gate and asked to return the next day to start their lessons.

Please note that there is to be no congregating around the school site and once dismissed students must go straight home.

If they test positive then you will be informed and your child will be asked to self-isolate with their close contacts.

Once back at school, students will be tested on two more occasions, leaving lessons to attend the testing zone with the same processes applied.

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Day	Friday 5 th	Monday 8 th	Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th	Friday 12 th
Year group	11 and 13	10 and 12	9	7	8	All students in school
8.30-9.30	11CKE/13LLA	10APE/12KHE		7DRE		
9.30-10.30	11HHU/13JHA	10CTA/12LSI	9ASE	7LLE/7LTO	8BFO	
11.00-12.00	11LBO/13JBU	10EFE/12NDM	9GAB/9LOR	7OOR	8CCO/8DSH	
12.00-1.00	11MRO	10JJO/10MLO	9SAH/9SFO	7ETW/7YME	8FHA/8KTO	
1.30-2.30		12RBL	9SSI/9MUB		8PME/8RJO	
In school, in lessons		11 13	11, 13 10, 12	11, 13, 10, 12 9	11, 13, 10, 12 9, 7	

Community Classrooms

Community classrooms will continue each day for the year groups who are still at home following digital lessons, but once their year group is back in school they will join their normal lessons. Please let us know if you no longer want your child to be a part of this.

Uniform and Equipment

It is important that all students are ready to return to school in terms of uniform. The expectation is that all students have the correct footwear and that if students need new shoes they are purchased before the start of the phased return. All students should have a blazer and tie and carry a school bag (except year 11 and the sixth form). Please take some time to check equipment with your child to ensure that they have a fully stocked pencil case and mini whiteboard.

Masks

In line with new government guidelines, all students will need to wear a mask in lessons and in public spaces. Please ensure that your child returns to school with more than one material-based cotton mask. **It is really important that you discuss the issue of mask-wearing with your child and ensure that they understand that it is not optional due to the circulation of the new strains of the virus and any infringements of this policy places people at risk.** Whilst I understand that wearing masks all the time is uncomfortable, it is something that we have been directed to do. Staff are allowed to not wear a mask when they are teaching and are two metres away from the students. However, when this is not possible, they will also be wearing a mask. Exemption from mask-wearing must be agreed with your child's head of year or the SEND department by a parent. Once there is an agreement that your child should not wear a mask for **a diagnosed medical or sensory reason only (this does not include mild asthma)**, they will be issued with a pass that they wear on their lanyard.



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Expectations

Our focus as an academy is to get the students back into routine, check their wellbeing and ensure that they are learning. In order to do this we expect the students to co-operate with us fully. As part of their induction back into school, students will complete some activities next week to ensure that this transition is smooth. Through assemblies and tutor time they will be informed about current safety measures regarding the virus and the importance of testing. Before they resume lessons they will receive direction regarding our expectations regarding behaviour and engagement in lessons. We will be updating our risk assessment, but essentially all of the same routines and procedures that we had in place in September including the zoning, staggered start and finish and bubbling will resume alongside the additional measures of testing and mask wearing in lessons.

We are truly excited about having the students back. Digital learning has been a big success but having our community back in the building, socialising and learning together is what makes us a real school

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you haven't yet completed the COVID testing form to give or withhold your consent please do so now:

CLICK HERE to complete the COVID Testing Form

Kind regards



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